

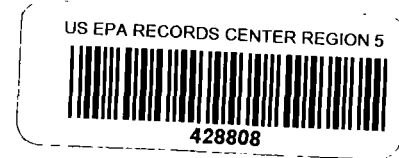
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report for June 2010, North Bronson Industrial Area Site  
Operable Unit 1, Bronson, Michigan**

Dear Mr. Hahnenberg:

The North Bronson Potentially Responsible Parties Group (the Group) submits this monthly progress report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5, pursuant to Article X, Paragraph 31, of the Consent Decree for Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) of Operable Unit 1 at the North Bronson Industrial Area (NBIA) Site (the Consent Decree). This report summarizes efforts by the Group to fulfill the requirements of the Consent Decree during June 2010.

## **1. Activities Completed During This Reporting Period**

- A. Between June 7 and June 10, 2010, O'Brien & Gere, Inc. (O'Brien & Gere) conducted sampling at 5 newly installed and 10 previously installed groundwater monitoring wells, pursuant to the approved work plan for the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study. Collected samples were submitted for analysis at the TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc. (TestAmerica) facility in North Canton, Ohio.
- B. On June 9, 2010, the Group submitted the May 2010 monthly progress report to USEPA with copies to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment (MDNRE).

- C. In cooperation with the City, the water line connection was completed for the last residence affected by the proposed City groundwater restriction ordinance.
- D. O'Brien & Gere initiated the closure of private wells at residences affected by the proposed City groundwater use restriction ordinance. Through June 30, 2010, 9 of the 11 private wells were properly abandoned.

## **2. Results of Sampling and Tests and Other Data**

- A. The analytical results from the VAP sampling were previously forwarded to USEPA and MDNRE to facilitate decisions regarding well locations and screened intervals. A summary of these data was submitted via electronic mail on May 21, 2010. Complete data sets, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports, will be provided to EPA and MDNRE as part of the final Western Lagoon Groundwater Delineation Study Report.
- B. Complete data sets from the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling, including analytical laboratory and data validation reports, will be provided to USEPA and MDNRE as part of the final County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report.
- C. The Group developed no other sampling or test data during the reporting period.

## **3. Work Plans, Procedures, and Deliverables**

- A. The Group submitted no work plans, procedures, or deliverables during the reporting period.

## **4. Actions Projected for Next Six-Week Period**

- A. On behalf of the Group, O'Brien & Gere will complete the County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling Study Report.
- B. On behalf of the Group, O'Brien & Gere will complete the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study Report.
- C. O'Brien & Gere will complete the proper abandonment of the remaining two private wells at residences affected by the proposed City groundwater restriction ordinance. The Group plans to submit a technical memorandum detailing the water line connections and private well closures.

- D. Pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 29 of the Consent Decree, the Group plans to submit the revised City Groundwater Ordinance to USEPA following completion of the City water connections and private well closures.

**5. Progress and Schedule Report**

- A. Near-term milestones for on-going Group activities are as follows:

County Drain #30 Sediment and Soil Sampling

- Submittal of the report on the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling is scheduled for July 2010. The schedule for completion has been extended by an additional two weeks due to time spent in report preparation to address cleanup standards for sediments and soils associated with County Drain #30.

Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study

- Submittal of the summary report for completion of the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study is scheduled for July 2010.

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Private Water Connections and Well Closures

- The Group plans to complete the closure of the two remaining private wells in July 2010. The schedule for completion has been extended by an additional two to three weeks to accommodate the residents affected by this work.

City Groundwater Ordinance

- The Group plans to submit the City groundwater restriction ordinance to USEPA once all of the private well closures are completed.

- B. As discussed in our project review meeting of March 17, 2009 and subsequently, progress related to RD/RA for enhanced source control at the Eastern and Western Lagoon Areas and County Drain #30 remediation requires resolution of appropriate cleanup standards for non-erodible soils associated with County Drain #30 and groundwater-to-surface water interface criteria.
- C. There are currently no other unresolved issues that affect the performance or timing of pre-design or RD activities.

**6. Summary of Proposed or Approved Changes to the Work Plans or Schedules**

- A. The work plans for the County Drain #30 sediment and soil sampling and the Western Lagoon Area Groundwater Delineation Study include addenda to the Pre-Design Studies Field Sampling and Quality Assurance Plan. These addenda provide for additional sampling and analytical protocols associated with those efforts. These work plans also include addenda to the site Health and Safety Plan as needed to address task-specific health and safety issues.
- B. The near-term milestones associated with the most-recent working schedule update are those identified in Item 5.A above.

**7. Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan**

- A. Group representatives met with affected residents regarding City water connections and private well closures.

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We trust that this submittal satisfies your requirements at this time. If you have questions regarding this monthly progress report or related project matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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